

**Testimony of Dick Poirier, Chair
Mililani/Waipio/Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25
Regarding
City & County of Honolulu Council Hearing on
Bill 80, CD 1 - Relating to Transit Technology
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Chair Marshall and Members of the Council,

Bill 80, CD1, designates steel wheel on steel rail as the transit technology for the corridor. While Mililani/Waipio/Mememanu Neighborhood Board No. 25 has not taken a position on a specific technology for the fixed guideway project, we are on record supporting the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project.

Although our community may not be directly served by the mass transit project at this time, we support this and other transportation infrastructure improvements that give us choices for commuting and relief from congestion on the H-1 Freeway.

It is our understanding that any delays could potentially jeopardize federal funding which, in turn, could also jeopardize the project's viability. As such, we urge the Council to pass Bill 80, CD1, to keep the transit project moving forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. We look forward to working with you in the months ahead as we plan and implement our transportation future.